

Mr. Hill moved that the Senate adjourn until 3 o'clock, P. M.; lost.

On motion of Mr. Taylor, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 7, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Kyle presented the petition of Johane Schneider, asking for a certificate for 320 acres of land by virtue of his immigration under the contract of Henry F. Fisher and Burchard Miller with the President of the late Republic of Texas; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of sundry citizens of the county of Smith, asking for the incorporation of a seminary of learning in the town of Starville, and the prohibition of the retail of ardent spirits within one mile of the same; referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill supplementary to an act to regulate proceedings in the county courts, pertaining to estates of deceased persons, approved March 20th, 1848, reported the same back to the Senate and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Sublett, Mr. Martin was added to the committee on Enrolled Bills.

On motion of Mr. Hart, Messrs. Millican and Kyle were added to the committee on Private Land Claims.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to encourage the construction of railroads by a loan of the school fund, together with the substitute therefor offered by Mr. Bryan, being under consideration when the Senate adjourned on yesterday, taken up.

Mr. Burks moved to make the bill and substitute the special order for Monday the 9th inst.; lost.

The question being upon the adoption of the substitute, it was rejected.

Mr. Lott moved a reconsideration of the vote rejecting the substitute offered by Mr. Bryan; lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Doane, Hill, Jowers, Lott,

McDade, Millican, Newman, Paschal, Scott, Sublett and Superviele—13.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burks, Gage, Guinn, Hart, Holland, Kyle, Martin, Manelly, Padigo, Potter, Scarborough, Taylor, Weatherford, Whitaker and Wren—16.

Mr. Jowers offered the following as a substitute for the bill and amendments :

A bill to provide for the investment of the special school fund in the bonds of railroad companies incorporated by the State.

Mr. Holland moved that the bill, substitute and amendment be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Guinn moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday morning at 9 o'clock ; lost.

Mr. Weatherford moved that the Senate adjourn until 3 o'clock, P. M. ; lost.

Mr. Wren moved that the Senate adjourn until half-past 3 o'clock, P. M. ; lost.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY, January 9, 1854.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following report :

The Judiciary committee have considered the petition of Frederick B. Moore and his wife, praying that the name of Margaret Catharine Burks be changed to Margaret Catharine Moore and the petition of William D. Clark and his wife, praying that the name of Emily Jane Burks be changed to Emily Jane Clark, and find that said Margaret Catharine and Emily Jane are children of Jesse Burks, deceased ; that they have not the means of support, and that the petitioners wish to adopt them as their own children. Under these circumstances the committee are of the opinion that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and accordingly recommend the passage of the bill herewith presented :

A bill to change the name of Margaret Catharine Burks to Margaret Catherine Moore, and the name of Emily Jane Burks to Emily Jane Clark ; read first time.